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The method of claim 32, further comprising:

sending a second communication from the router to the bridge,
wherein the second communication comprises a first group identifier, and
wherein the second communication comprises a source address of the router
assigned to the first group identifier.

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The method of claim 32, further comprising:

maintaining, at the router, a record of a source address of each communication
from the bridge and a respective group identifier.

REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered.

By this preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to correct minor grammatical errors and added claims 21-30. No new matter has been added. An early and favorable response is respectfully requested.

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